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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-252-C - ORDER NO. 96-561
AUGUST 19, 1996

IN RE: GTE Card Services, Inc. d/b/a GTE Long) ORDER
Distance of South Carolina -) SUSPENDING
Introduction of its SCPSC Tariff No. 2) TARIFF FILING
(TN. 96-241).)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") by way of a Petition to Intervene filed by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. ("AT&T") in the instant Docket.

On July 24, 1996, the Commission Staff issued a Notice of Filing, the purpose of which was to alert interested parties to the fact that GTE Card Services, Inc. ("GTE Card") had filed its S.C.P.S.C. Tariff No. 2 ("Tariff No. 2) with the Commission. GTE Card's Tariff No. 2 expands GTE Card's offerings into Long Distance Message Telecommunications Services. (Presently, GTE Card only offers debit, or prepaid calling, card services.) The Notice of Filing advised interested parties to file comments or pleadings for participation in these proceedings on or before August 7, 1996. On August 6, 1996, AT&T filed a Petition to Intervene in this matter.

By its Petition to Intervene, AT&T asserts that GTE Card's Tariff No. 2 appears to be the same tariff which GTE Card filed on May 31, 1996, with its Amended Petition in Docket No. 95-272-C.

AT&T requests that the tariff filing be suspended until a ruling is made in Docket No. 95-272-C. Staff advises the Commission that the Tariff No. 2 filing is identical to the tariff filed as part of GTE Card's Amended Petition which is contained in Docket No. 95-272-C. Staff further advises the Commission that a decision on the Amended Petition in Docket No. 95-272-C will probably render a hearing in the instant matter moot.

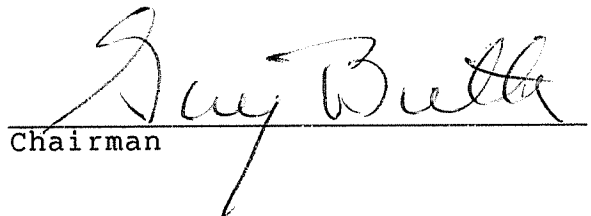
Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission is of the opinion, and so finds, that GTE Card's Tariff No. 2 should be suspended until a ruling is made in Docket No. 95-272-C.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. GTE Card's Tariff No. 2 shall be suspended until a ruling is made in Docket No. 95-272-C.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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